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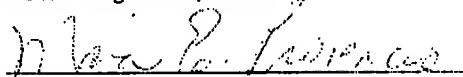
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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- 10 Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicants elect to further prosecute the above-identified application as follows.

The Examiner requires an election between:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a method for processing mask features, classified in class 430, subclass 5; and

- 15 Group II: Claims 9-25, drawn to a mask processing system and method of using, classified in class 355, subclass 77.

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Applicants elect Group II, claims 9-25 for further prosecution. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that claims 9-25 be examined on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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